

## Somers, Elaine

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**From:** Somers, Elaine  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2017 12:07 PM  
**To:** Nogi, Jill; Littleton, Christine; Allnut, David  
**Subject:** FW: in regard to the proposed Naval expansion at NAS Whidbey Island

David, Jill, Teena,

This one just arrived (b) (6) is requesting assistance. If there is a way to, in some way, convey the detailed information from the earlier version comment letter, it may help to inform next steps? Perhaps through a conversation about the NEPA process and the possibilities it provides for participation, engagement, alternatives modification and mitigation discussions with the Navy, if they are willing...

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2017 10:41 AM  
**To:** allnut.david@epa.gov; Somers, Elaine <somers.elaine@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** in regard to the proposed Naval expansion at NAS Whidbey Island

Mr. Allnut and Ms. Somers;

First off, as a citizen of Whidbey Island and resident of Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve, I would like to thank you on behalf of all the concerned citizens of this fragile area of our country for your comments to the Navy regarding their proposed expansion here. As a member of the group *Coupeville Community Allies*, I am contacting you in the hopes of gaining further knowledge into the process the Navy should be using, from the perspective of your organization, to respond to the more than 4,200 comments they received to their draft EIS for growler expansion at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island and OLF Coupeville, and their process in developing a final Environmental Impact Statement for their proposal.

Our group, established during the latter months of 2016, was formed to help the Whidbey community learn more about the impacts associated with the Navy's expansion and work to balance the proposed expansion with the peaceful, historical and scenic character of the island and the surrounding area.

As you may imagine there are many concerns associated with the proposed expansion, but our goal is to educate ourselves so that we can better communicate with elected officials, the Naval chain of command, members of the media, and citizens concerned with this proposal and arrive, ultimately, at a solution that balances the role of the Navy with the concerns of the community.

I am hopeful that you could illuminate us through whatever means you think most appropriate.... either through direct communication or through referencing areas of the National Environmental Policy Act that are most relevant or other documents that might be used as guidelines for their work.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this inquiry and for your response.

Regards,

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*"Money is like manure; it's not worth a thing unless it's spread around encouraging young things to grow." - Thornton Wilder*